

USMS CONVENTION – San Diego, CA – 2003

Committee Name: Legislation Session # (if more than one meeting): 3 Cmte. report #: 31

Minutes recorded by: Jennifer Parks_ Date/time of this meeting: **Friday Sept 12th 4:30 – 6:00**

ACTION ITEMS
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE

None.

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MSA (approved) : L10, L11, L12, L15, L17, L18, L19, L20, L22, L21, L22, L25, L26 (with amendments, changes listed below); L24, Part 4, as amended
MSD (defeated): L13, L14, L16, L23
MSA: That L26 will take immediate effect upon a positive vote of the House of Delegates.
MSA: That the Legislation Committee will work on USMS Organization issues, with appropriate Committees (Refer to # 3 below), in conjunction with the Executive Committee.
MSA: That the Legislation Committee will work on Model LMSC By-Laws, with appropriate Committees (Refer to # 4 below), in conjunction with the Executive Committee.

Committee Chair: **Rob Copeland** Vice Chair(s): **Laura Kessler**

Number of committee members present: 16 Absent: 1 Number of other delegates at this meeting: 47

Committee members present (list all): Paul Fortoul, Marilyn Fink, Marcia Marcantonio, Homer Lane, Steve Peterson, Laura Kessler, Bill Cleveland, Mary Hull, Jon Steiner, Sean Fitzgerald, Richard Smith, Cindy Hawkinson, Jennifer Parks, Rob Copeland, Arni Litt
Ex-officio: Leo Letendre, Meg Smath, Patty Powis

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at: 4:35 p.m., 9/12/03

1. L10, MSA, as written
L11, MSA, as amended
L12, MSA, including a friendly amendment to add "Board of" in front of Directors, in 501.2.3
L13, MS, defeated. Discussion continued on this item; then the vote was taken of the Committee.
L14, MS, defeated. Discussion ensued on the idea of a "balanced" budget, distributed ahead of the convention.
As a point of procedure within this committee meeting MSA, to move to accept all Legislation, in a broad motion
L15, MSA, after lengthy discussion concerning conflict of interest in elections, and other points. The chair reported that if passed by the HOD, our current Zone Chair will serve out a term, through 2005, until her successor is elected and qualified.
L16, MS, defeated, after some discussion on this topic of term lengths.
L17, MSA, as written. Discussion and the following motion were discussed together.
L21, MSA as written
L18, MSA, as written
L19, MSA, as written
L20, MSA, as written
L22, MSA, with a friendly amendment to change "in" to "at"; titles will be removed, as well.
L23, MS, defeated
L25, MSA, as written
L26, MSA Leo Letendre, Rules Committee Chair spoke to this issue, referring to 601.4.6 in Rule Book.
MSA: Leo requested that L26 take immediate effect, upon a positive vote of the House of Delegates.
2. Part 4: Laura Kessler and Patty Powis explained the modifications that were made in this major document at Meeting # 2, to the delegates assembled at this meeting # 3. (Please refer to the minutes of Meeting # 2, as well as the edited report on Part 4, which will be distributed with all Legislation Committee minutes.) Some other housekeeping and editorial changes were made at this meeting, as well as clarifying language.
MSA, Paul Fortoul moved that we amend the word "officials" to "personnel" in 402.2.4.

3. MSA: Rob Copeland moved that Legislation Committee work with the Planning Committee, under the auspices of the Executive Committee, and continue to investigate the organization and structure of USMS, and present a report to the House of Delegates at next year's meeting, which defines specific organizational changes that would be proposed in 2005.
4. MSA: Rob Copeland moved that the Legislation Committee be actively involved in a "Model LMSC By-Laws," which would be developed in conjunction with the Legal Counsel, the Zone Committee, the Planning Committee, under the auspices of the Executive Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at: 6:15 p.m.

TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. Work with the Executive Committee, through our liaison, to support the implementation of Core Objectives as they relate to the Legislation Committee.
2. Active involvement in governance and VVMOST task forces
3. Active involvement in LMSC support initiatives, including, but not limited to, LMSC model bylaws.